

House Resolution No. 1856

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State educators whose wholehearted support of sportsmanship, athletic training, and team cooperation has been evident throughout the competitive season; and

Whereas, Jeff Johnson has attained distinction for his accomplishments as Assistant Coach of the Heartland Lady Mustangs basketball team which competes in the Class 3A level of Missouri Christian School Athletic Association sanctioned events; and

Whereas, Jeff Johnson's visionary guidance during varsity basketball practice and games helped his Belton, Missouri, team reach State Champion status for the third consecutive year; and

Whereas, the Heartland Mustangs of Belton ended the season on February 22, 2003, with a 21-7 win-loss record after overcoming championship challenges from Christian Academy of St. Louis, 49 to 14; Christian Fellowship of Columbia, 58 to 33; and Church on the Rock in St. Peters, 36 to 34; and

Whereas, the Heartland Mustangs team was composed of senior players, Hannah Johnson, Tabitha Osier, and Stephanie Yoakum; juniors, Courtney Keller and Charity Davis; sophomore, Priscilla Davis; freshmen, Lauren Burkhead, Leslie DeBrot, and Megan Dellaguardia; eighth-graders, Sarah Yoakum and Sarah Malone; and seventh-graders, Katlyn Kralik, Brittany Hale, and Whitney Mushinski; and

Whereas, in addition to Assistant Coach Jeff Johnson, the 2002-2003 Heartland Lady Mustangs were admirably trained and coached by Head Coach David Baker, Assistant Coach Kaleen Phipps, and Bench Coach Debbie Osier with the help of Managers, Jessica Anders, Chung Tran, Danielle Richards, and Linda Rivers:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the exemplary contributions of Jeff Johnson to the Heartland High School girls basketball team and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations for his team's third consecutive Missouri Christian School Class 3A state championships trophy and our best wishes for continued personal and professional success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Assistant Coach Jeff Johnson of the Heartland Lady Mustangs.

Offered by _____
Representative Brian Baker
District No. 123

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1856, adopted April 15, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker